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Early morning scare as cottager wakes to find bear in bedroom

JENN WATT

Editor

Jeannie Glover woke up on a Tuesday morning earlier this month to the sound of someone rummaging through her bathroom. It sounded like someone was aggressively cleaning out a linen closet, but it was 6:15 a.m., her husband was away, and she didn't think the guests in her cottage would be up that early.

She raised her head and looked toward her ensuite bathroom to see a black bear coming out.

"It was coming out of my bathroom and just [passed] right beside me on the bed and then went right out the screen door that he came in," said Glover, whose cottage is on Drag Lake.

The encounter on Aug. 11 was probably only a few seconds, but it was enough to get her heart pounding.

"He just kind of glanced over and saw me and ... there wasn't time to do anything," she said.

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Teeing up for teeth

Golfer Steve Ecclestone drives the ball from the first hole at the 10th annual Volunteer Dental Outreach Charity Golf Tournament on Thursday, Aug. 20 at the Blairhampton Golf Club in Minden. The fundraiser included 112 golfers, who played a round of 18, and could also contribute to the cause through the online auction, which included 20 items. The event observed COVID-19 safety protocols. The VDO provides free urgent dental care for low income residents of Haliburton County. /DARREN LUM Staff

Concern over full buses, classrooms raised at TLDSB meeting

JENN WATT

Editor

Trillium Lakelands District School Board will use money from its reserves for health and safety including reducing class size in certain situations, but there

will be situations, such as on full buses, when physical distancing will be difficult to achieve, trustees heard at their board meeting on Aug. 18.

Wes Hahn, director of education, gave an update on back to school plans for September, including funding decisions from the Ministry of Education to address coronavirus precautions. Among them, the

announcement that boards could use two per cent of their reserve funds.

"We are obviously looking at using [those funds] for everything we can around health and safety with regards to whether it be physical distancing or reducing class size in certain situations," Hahn said.

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Bear the size of big pig explored bathroom

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Luckily, the bear was content to continue on its way out of the cottage without incident.

"Even when he saw me, he didn't run. He just walked out the door and he went across the deck, leaped up on the railing and then just jumped down into the forest and then he ran up ... and he just sat on a rock up there and kind of looked around for a few minutes and then trotted off. He wasn't scared," she said.

Glover had the door between her bedroom and the rest of the cottage closed, so the bear didn't have the opportunity to explore any further.

"If that [door] had been open, he would have definitely made his way out to the kitchen, I'm sure," she said.

The bear was about the size of a big pig, with its back taller than the height of the bed.

Other bear issues have been reported in the Drag Lake area this summer, with more than 10 car break-ins being attributed to a bear in the area around Dudley and Kennaway roads.

Glover believes this may be the same bear and said the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry had staff set up a trap on the property for a few days, but only seemed to get raccoons to show any interest in the bait.

The family did not have food left outside and although MNRF staff said the bear could have been interested in the smells of the toothpaste or perfumed toiletries in the bathroom, Glover said those things were undisturbed.

"There was nothing in my bathroom that was even askew," she said. "The bathmat wasn't out of position, the hamper wasn't gone through, the towels weren't touched. Nothing. ... He was a very tidy bear."

The Glovers have since made changes to the bedroom door to the deck, but since the bear didn't find anything to eat at their place, they're not expecting a return visit.



A bear can be seen outside the Glovers' cottage on Drag Lake on Aug. 11 in this security camera video. The bear broke through a screen door, walked through a bedroom and rummaged through the couple's ensuite bathroom before exiting the same way it came in. / Photo courtesy of Steve Glover

In an email to the *Echo*, a spokesperson for the MRNF said the ministry had been in touch with the OPP regarding the situation, and had provided lake associations with information on ways to prevent visits from bears.

"The ministry has been in regular communications with the Haliburton Highlands OPP to be responsive to the situation," reads the email from Jolanta Kowalski, senior media relations officer for the ministry. "On Aug. 12, the ministry provided information through lake association networks to raise awareness about how to prevent bear encounters and who to call in the event of a bear encounter. We have not received any reports of bear activity in this area since Aug. 11. We will continue to monitor bear activity and reports from the public."

Removing attractants such as garbage from a premises is key in preventing bear encounters.

"The most important step in minimizing human-bear encounters is to remove any items that could attract bears to a property or neighbourhood," Kowalski wrote. "Bears are attracted to garbage, bird food (including suet, seed and nectar), odours from barbecues and ripe fruit left on trees or the ground. You can prevent bears from visiting your home or neighbourhood by storing garbage in waste containers with tight-fitting lids in a bear-proof location, putting garbage out the morning of pickup, removing bird feeders in the spring, keeping pet foods indoors, keeping barbecue grills and drip pans clean."

Kowalski added it was difficult for the ministry to determine if the bear was the same bear who was breaking into cars in the nearby Kennaway Road area in late June.

Most students heading back to classroom

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"The budget that we have, it's sufficient enough to do some things, but it certainly isn't going to lower class size in all the places that we wanted to do, but we will come up with a very detailed plan around the use of that reserve funding and we will definitely make sure that we bring that forward," he said.

The ministry also allocated \$309 million to school boards with funding earmarked for personal protective equipment and enhanced cleaning. Hahn said additional funding had been made available for ventilation in schools.

"On top of our regular maintenance of our ventilation systems ... we are looking at things like filter changes, HEPA filters, air flushing, as immediate things that we can do to improve air quality," he said.

Signage is being installed at all public buildings to ensure everyone maintains physical distancing recommendations while inside. Enhanced cleaning is planned throughout the day.

"The passion and the commitment to making this work within the building is really outstanding," Hahn said of the custodial staff. "So I want to thank them for all the work that they did over the summer and what they've been doing to get us ready for our first day."

As of Tuesday, about 15 per cent of students at TLDSB had opted for remote learning with 92 per cent of families responding to the board's re-registration request. About 1,600 elementary students and 530 secondary students across the whole board will be taking part in remote learning.

Parents were asked to make their intentions known to the board so that planning for classrooms and bus routes could take place.

"Our remote learning will ... be a virtual school that we will staff. ... We are receiving additional funding for that kind of staffing," Hahn said.

An outbreak protocol is still in the works for "symptom management and assessment and all the procedures that will deal with how we will go about dealing with symptoms that arise, if they do," he said.

In order to get students and staff used to the new way of doing things, the first week will have a staggered start, splitting the classes in half with one group coming two days and the other group coming the other two.

"It'll give teachers and staff a chance to review routines and really get the classroom and the routines set up prior to having everyone back. We think that's a good way of doing it. And certainly we'll be ready to move into our second week, hopefully with those routines in place and everyone feeling good about that," Hahn said.

Vice-chair David Morrison questioned how physical distancing would be maintained with 85 per cent of students opting to return to the brick-and-mortar school buildings and getting on buses together.

"Social distancing is pretty difficult with 25 kids in the classroom, that's a reality," Morrison said.

Hahn said the money from the ministry would be used quickly. "We're going to be looking at those hotspots or areas that we're going to require additional attention, whether it be staffing or extra custodial staff," he said.

Superintendent of business Tim Ellis said busing challenges were plentiful and planning would focus on keeping cohorts of students together and employing masks to help lower the risk when students could not be two metres apart.

"The challenge around transportation is that we can't really do a whole lot about physical distancing in terms of capacity, when you look at the whole sector, not just TLDSB in terms of transportation, driver shortages are common. The ability to purchase buses is a bit of an issue when you think a bus costs upwards of \$110,000 to put on the road," Ellis said.

Students from different schools would be picked up on the same bus in some cases.

"We're limited in options of what we can do around it beyond masking," he said. Windows could be open during warmer months to provide better ventilation and

masks would be available if a child who required one did not have one.

Additional drivers is also an issue with many of them being in the 70-plus age bracket that is at highest risk if they contract the coronavirus.

Student trustee Kaylee Kelly asked several questions about what school would look like for students, including what would happen during lunch hour, a time when high school students are accustomed to either eating in the cafeteria together or leaving the building to get lunch in town.

Superintendent of learning Katherine McIver said the board was in talks with the health unit about how best to handle lunch hour.

"It's anticipated that central gathering areas like cafeterias would not be used in the traditional methods that they have in the past, simply to reduce contact between students," McIver said.

She also said driver training that includes in-building instruction would not be permitted.

Kaylee followed up with a conversation from the previous board meeting regarding school nutrition programs. Hahn had said at a past meeting that work was being done to maintain these programs, such as Food For Kids, but they would need to be modified because visitors are not allowed in school buildings.

"We want to kind of keep that open to grab-and-go [food] situations," Hahn replied. "And I know we have a couple of our senior team looking in with our community people to keep that going. And we intend to do that."

Trays or bins of packaged food items or whole pieces of fruit will be available to students.

At the end of the meeting, trustees had a discussion about the way the ministry had rolled out the back-to-school plans. Concerns were raised by some trustees that funding was not adequate for the challenges ahead, that the ministry hadn't taken feedback from school boards, and that parents didn't realize decisions about class sizes were made by the province, not by the board. The issue of class size, full buses and physical distancing was again raised.

The trustees passed a motion that the board's chair send a letter to the provincial government, copied to other school board chairs, local MPPs and the Ontario Public School Boards' Association, thanking them for their support, but also listing their frustrations.

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Storm planning to return to play with COVID-19 safety measures

Association working on preparing plan for OMHA approval

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Highland Storm president Jason Morissette is asking the public to remember the importance of sport for what it can do for young people, as the hockey association works on a plan to return with measures to reduce risk of the coronavirus for players, coaches and volunteers.

"Kids need an outlet. They need to have access to things that are fun and healthy. It's good for their physical health, but I think it's more important even for their mental health, right? A lot of our local kids have been quite cooped up and, you know, they haven't been able to see their friends or do some of the activities they would like to do," he said.

Morissette said there is optimism and hope for the season after the Storm executive met at the annual general meeting on Monday, Aug., 17.

The Storm, like other hockey associations in the province is planning for a season using the Ontario Hockey Federation's (OHF) Return to Hockey Phase 2 - Stage 3A plan, which uses the public health guidelines to allow players to return to play in a safe manner.

As stated online by the OMHA (Ontario Minor Hockey Association) earlier this month, "Stage 3 provides for additional hockey opportunities beyond the individual and group training that were approved in Stage 1 and 2 of the OHF Return to Hockey. It provides participants the opportunity to register in Hockey Canada programming that will include game play with rules that focus on removing deliberate and prolonged contact."

Morissette is optimistic Stage 3 will remain in place to enable them to return to play.

"Our vision is to plan so that the season potentially could begin somewhere in early-October. So a good example is that the Greater Toronto Hockey League, they announced last week that they will not be starting their first skates until Oct. 7. Not saying anybody is in a rush here. I think what they're doing is their due diligence to listen to the chief medical officer and then the OHF to the OMHA to say this is what we're planning to do. They're

just trying to make it as safe as possible. Our goal right now is we formed committees amongst our executive to look at the different programming that would be designed for our local area, our local association."

This undertaking will take considerable work to ensure the safety of everyone involved, he adds.

"The nice thing is we have time. We're not looking to get back on the ice next week or the week after. We have time here to plan it out and see how things go. I'm sure the powers that be higher than here will look at how the whole return to school plan goes and they'll go and base it from that and look at the medical advice they're getting," he said. "I do think people are going to have to make adjustments and they're going to have to be supportive."

Currently the Storm have 130 players registered for the season, which pleases Morissette.

Every age group is represented in this collection of registered players, but he said there will be a combination of age divisions to form cohorts. Deadline for registration is Sept. 1 to guarantee a spot on a team. Fees are not being demanded. Just a commitment to play and to help the Storm plan.

Games will take on a new look and format with this plan.

From the OMHA, games are non-contact, three-on-three. There will not be a penalty box, as there won't be time served. However there will be a penalty shot for a minor infraction and two penalty shots, including an ejection for a major penalty.

"What they want to do is keep the game continuously playing. There's no face-offs. For instance, it would be take a shot on the net and the goalie freezes the puck, the offensive team has to exit the zone and then the puck comes out. So a very different look to the game and the way it's reffed is going to be different too," he said.

With these games, he said, one referee as an official is permitted.

Also, two teams are likely to share ice and practice together. However practices will be individual at their core. There would be no "battle" drills. Up to 25 people on the ice at a time. Nine players and

one goalie for a roster with two to three coaches. There will not be rep or local league hockey and there will not be any tryouts.

Although Morissette acknowledges this brand of hockey may not satiate the competitive drive of players and parents/guardians who enjoy that aspect of the game, he encourages people to come into this season with an open mind, understanding, and see it as a year of development.

"Yeah, I get that because a lot of our players and their families are very competitive people, but we have to look at it as individual skill development. Focus on your stick-handling. Focus on your shot. Focus on your edge work ... Focus on your hockey IQ because a three-on-three game - a lot of people have done studies on this. They do small ice games in Europe. Three-on-three is really, really popular. They've been doing that way ahead of us ... so I really looked at it that this might be an opportunity for kids to just [enjoy] a less structured game, right?" he said.

He adds this game format encourages greater stimulation, advancing skills far greater than what the five-on-five format can provide. The Storm have also stated online four-on-four is also a possibility.

Two weeks before games commence there will be practice to implement the plan.

One of the recommendations from the OMHA is to not allow anyone but players, coaches and helpers into the arena unless a player from the youngest ages (under Atom - eight to 10) needs assistance. Any player or volunteer helping

must not exhibit symptoms upon entering an arena.

Another consideration in the plan is how and where players dress.

Players will likely be asked to come to the arena dressed in much of their equipment with the exception of their helmet and skates and they may lace up in a cordoned off place for them at the arena. This and other actions for the plan are part of ongoing discussions, which will include input from the three arenas in Minden, Wilberforce and Haliburton.

He said the decisions the Storm will make rest with the direction from the OMHA, which have outlined their actions on their website and is available for the public to scrutinize. It comes down to the safety of everyone involved, Morissette noted. It's up to the Storm, he said, to minimize the risk as much as possible.

"Now we have to design a return to play plan that we must move to the OMHA for approval. So we're at the stage now we're just starting to design and look at those plans and we're doing that as well with our facility providers," he said, referring to arenas in Wilberforce, Minden (in up to five weeks) and Haliburton.

He said if the public is interested in how hockey will look they can see nearby examples such as Lindsay Recreation Complex where they have already started.

Morissette is focusing on the positive, which is being able to facilitate playing instead of trying to think of how bad things are because it isn't like it used to be.

"We have to look at the way things are

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Get moving for the Abbey Retreat Centre

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The Haliburton Highlands Challenge is helping the registered charity Abbey Retreat Centre continue to support those with cancer and their caregivers.

It encourages the public, whether as individuals or groups (following social distance rules) to walk, run, paddle, bike, or anything active really, and take on adventures of exercise.

This not only helps to raise money for them so they can continue to support people living with cancer and their caregivers, but also promotes exercise as a cancer-wellness strategy.

Doug Norris, the centre's executive director, is thankful to the support they have already received and encourages more to join the cause.

"The goal was getting people out exercising as a way of acknowledging that exercise is actually a really strong indicator of health for people who are on the cancer journey and [dealing with] other chronic illnesses. Ironically, even though they may have physical limits, finding a way of exercising does a lot for psychological health and immunity boost and strength boost and we've been really grateful for the response of the Haliburton community both people who are cycling, paddling and walking for us and making donations. The donations will let us keep offering what we do for we're hoping the next year or so. So a big thank you to Haliburton County," he said.



See www.canadahelps.org to participate and donate to their effort.

Despite the lack of in-person ses-

sions now because of COVID-19 restrictions, the retreat centre still has expenses, including the cost of therapists and facilitators, Norris said. The funds are also important because all guests participate for free, which falls in line with alleviating potential stress to a person with cancer or their caregiver.

"The Haliburton Highlands Challenge has been a way to help us keep the doors open and pivot a bit so we're now looking at doing a full retreat online. This is a new thing that seems to be emerging where people commit to staying home for the weekend and attending online sessions three times a day and the rest of the time on their own doing some of the meditation practices or yoga that they would have done if they were here at the centre," he said.

The centre is navigating a virtual world and is transitioning to offer what it used to do in-person over a four day period to an online model expected to be implemented in October or November.

He notes how there are other retreat centres offering meditation retreats online through a video-conferencing app such as Zoom and would also include a solitary meditation practice.

Going virtual is about safety for guests, who are compromised.

"That amounts to a retreat without actually having to undertake the risk," he said. "And of course the constituency we work with – cancer patients – are especially vulnerable. There's lots of vulnerable populations, but people who are already in life-threatening immune situations [are] one of the last groups that's going out of town to get together with people they don't know."

For the past several months, he said, the centre has facilitated online sessions.

There are inherent challenges with virtual offerings despite guests ready to connect.

It will come down to establishing trust. "A big part of the model that we've developed is about building a safe community over the weekend so people can very quickly enter into some very trusting relationships and conversations and

disclosures and so on. That's a lot harder when you're not sitting around a circle face-to-face, sharing meals and going for a walk on the trails and so on," he said. "One of the challenges will be to quickly develop that trusting relationship with a small group of people. We're talking 10 or a dozen is the usual number."

A little bit of patience is important while working within the parameters of online communication.

"Speaking and listening is different in a teleconference. We think that people are ... becoming more adept at relating carefully in conversation online, which usually means listening a bit better and speak a bit less," he said.

The technological aspect is making people adapt. That means speaking slower and waiting for others to speak.

Although the centre has a wait list of guests, he encourages residents in the area to inquire with the centre, if they're interested. Inquire at abbeyretreatcentre.ca.

The conventional in-person sessions included the guest with cancer and their caregiver.

Typically the retreat centre would host five individuals with cancer and each of them would have a caregiver, who is often their partner or child.

"We try to pay attention to the challenge for both sides of that partnership. We haven't decided yet whether the online retreats would be specifically for the cancer diagnosed people or follow our usual [format]. Like a lot of different fields right now, we're carving new ground, right? And figure out what will work."

The challenges posed with the transition to the virtual world aren't as daunting as they might seem at first glance since the centre is using their proven template for their program.

"The program itself is ready and largely that's because it's what we've been doing for the last three years as an organization. We're not having to invent something radically new. We just have to shift it to a new kind of platform," Norris said.

The Abbey Retreat Centre is encouraging exercise through its fundraiser the Haliburton Highlands Challenge, which asks people to run, walk, paddle, bike or anything active in support of the registered charity that supports people and their caregivers living with cancer. The fundraiser has been a success and has helped the retreat centre continue its work. See www.canadahelps.org to join the challenge and donate to the centre. /Submitted by Doug Norris.

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AMO conference goes online

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Staff Reporter

The annual Association of Municipalities of Ontario conference took place last week, and like so many events in 2020, the conference, which normally brings together municipal leaders and provincial representatives for three days of workshops, seminars, meetings and speeches, happened in a virtual fashion.

"As a member of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus I was able to attend a number of key Zoom meetings," Haliburton County Warden Liz Danielsen wrote in an email to the *Echo*. "The EOWC presented briefing notes to a multi-ministerial forum detailing plans to work with the province on our top four priorities; those being a one-gigabyte broadband project that will not only improve circumstances in poorly served or uncovered areas, but prepare Haliburton County for a generation to come; plans for the economic recovery of Eastern Ontario from the losses that have impacted us all during the pandemic as well as the financial recovery of municipalities; and finally, to improve at every level delivery of service and improved infrastructure for long term care homes in the area. The caucus also met and outlined these same priorities to the NDP as the official Opposition. Both groups were extremely supportive of the work of the EOWC and our submissions, and acknowledged the EOWC's proven track record of working with the province."

Danielsen indicated she found the online nature of this year's conference to be a bit of a challenge.

"I had initially planned to sit through the sessions of the AMO conference in real time, as if I was actually in attendance," Danielsen wrote. "Unfortunately, because I'm actually not there, my calendar quickly got filled with other meetings via Zoom of no less importance, and in some cases, related to conference activities. I'm thankful that all of the material from both the plenary and break-out sessions are available

to those who registered for the conference for the next month and look forward to looking at sessions of interest. I have heard reports that, all things considered, the conference organizers were able to deliver an excellent alternative to the standard conference setting."

Similarly, Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts and Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt told the paper they preferred an in-person conference to the virtual one that took place this year amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

"I find conferences tremendously valuable and I work very hard at them," Moffatt wrote in an email. "AMO did a wonderful job of moving it all online and while I appreciate many of the aspects of the virtual conference, it's not the same as being there in person, especially for networking. The sessions are available online for 30 days so I will go back and watch the ones I missed."

While Moffatt said she'd blocked the time in her calendar to "attend" the conference virtually, meetings ended up being booked in the interim, "which disrupted the focus needed to stay in the conference 'groove', as it were. For me, it doesn't work to pop in and out of the conference."

Roberts agreed, sharing similar sentiments.

"I did not attend as much as I would have liked to, meetings ended up getting booked last week so it was really hard to attend live," she wrote. "The sessions will be up for 30 days after so I am hoping to find the time to view more online later. I have to say it isn't the same at all. Part of going to a conference is the mixing and mingling that happens in the halls, at breakfast or lunch, and at the sessions. I also enjoy seeing my county colleagues outside of work, it's always nice to be social together. I think AMO did the best in the situation, nothing they could have done differently."

Moffatt and Danielsen both pointed out that a silver lining to the virtual conference was that local municipalities saved some money in terms of travel and accommodation expenses for councillors.

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This is the cumulative data on confirmed COVID-19 cases in the HKPR District Health Unit area.

	Haliburton	City of Kawartha Lakes	Northumberland	HKPRDHU
Confirmed Cases	15	177	31	223
Current Probable Cases+	0	0	0	0
Current High Risk Contacts+	0	1	3	4
Hospitalizations (Total to Date)	1	11	2	14
Resolved**	15	157	30	202
Deaths	0	32	0	32
Current Outbreaks	0	0	0	0

COVID-19 cumulative data

As of Aug. 24, there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Haliburton County that have not been resolved, and no current high-risk contacts. High-risk contacts are defined as asymptomatic individuals who are known to have been in contact with a confirmed or probable case. This information is updated on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, excluding holidays by the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit. Positive COVID-19 tests conducted in Haliburton County on residents with a primary address outside of Haliburton County are recorded in the health unit of that address. /Screenshot from the HKPR District Health Unit website at hkpr.on.ca.

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A love for the library

SOME OF MY earliest memories are of the library. I remember quite specifically the children's section of the library my mom used to take me to above the arena in Stroud, and I remember more clearly librarians and authors doing story readings at my elementary school library than I remember other pivotal moments of childhood.

When I spent high school summers working at a newspaper in Barrie, I was a teenager who independently sought out the libraries in Barrie and Elmvale, riding my bike through the streets to get there. In university I used a page from a book at the Toronto Reference Library to show a tattoo artist what I was looking for, and frequented a library in the beaches area for their DVD section for free entertainment. In Seoul, the English book selection sometimes paled in comparison to seeing students deep in thought in private study booths, but we signed up for a card anyway. Introducing my own kids to the libraries in Haliburton County – like my mom once did for me – has felt like one of the most important things I've done for my children as a parent. I've also used these spaces – each so unique to the area they're in – throughout the county to conduct interviews, have a space to wait out breaks in council meetings, type up stories and send photos on borrowed laptops to meet deadline while out and about, meet friends for a chat and simply to people watch away from a home office when I wanted less isolation.

That was when our libraries were open, before isolation became even more intense for everyone throughout the county. I've shared online recently that my family – with high-risk medical concerns that have resulted in respiratory challenges and intubation before – has not been in a building or even in public, really, for about 165 days now,

relying on curbside service at local farms and stores, deliveries when that curbside service became less prevalent, and the very generous support and help from family, friends, and neighbours.

A comforting mainstay for us in these times has been our library. In that initial week of provincial lockdown, one of our first experiences with connecting with local faces was through the online storytelling series featuring Nancy Therrien, later Rob Muir and his cats, and Jaime Bilodeau with superstar Holly Carpenter. I've seen the power of a book club meeting for adults in connecting readers and friends together,

and creative how-tos and tech times with familiar faces teaching patrons unfamiliar skills. I've felt the relief as curbside was offered and we could safely get our hands and eyes on fresh books (alongside the offerings of Master's Book Store). This week my kids will be able to attend – from home – a drag queen story hour in honour of Minden Pride, and right now the only way I'm able to write this editorial is thanks to the distracting power of

an audiobook on Overdrive, occupying those kids into sweet silence with a children's mystery novel.

I didn't realize how much of an impact the library, in general, had made on my life until I realized I had such fond memories at each one I'd ever visited and that in fact there has been one that I've visited no matter where I've lived, or where I've been in life. The library means so much to our community, to our vulnerable neighbours and friends, to our children, to our students, to our seniors, and to the people who work and volunteer there who put their hearts into sharing information and helping others through information and services and programs, no matter how they have to adapt to do it. If you haven't yet, see what they might offer you by visiting <http://www.haliburtonlibrary.ca>.



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Editorial



Summer silhouette

by Darren Lum

The vertical axis

ECKHART TOLLE, a well known meditation teacher, instructs about the deep, quiet, inner spaciousness that is within each one of us.

The formless part of ourselves that is pure vibration, pure sensation. It is the home of our wisdom, our essence. It is our deep inner knowing. In yoga we talk about the midline, a gold thread running through the centre of our body.

We connect with that space in every pose. The idea is that the deeper you go in yourself, the quieter you get. Caroline Myss, a medical intuitive, author and international speaker, talks about the vertical and horizontal axis in our bodies. The horizontal axis is the "text" and the stories of our lives.

"My kids... this job... your health... she said this... I am mad about....this pandemic....". We all have a horizontal axis that is loud at times, quiet at others.

The vertical axis is the deep centre, in us, where our values, wisdom, ethics, inner knowing lives. It is the home of our spirit, our soul. Caroline suggests that we need a deep connection to a strong vertical axis so that we can respond to the "text," the stories, the horizontal axis with wisdom. Caroline suggests that we need to take the time on a regular basis to find the practices or rituals that connect us to the vertical axis and to keep it strong.

Practices like yoga, meditation and prayer work for some. A retreat at a cottage works for others. I suspect gardening works for my husband. I recently spent five nights on a sea kayaking trip on Georgian Bay with a group of women for five

nights. Within half a day of being on the bay, I remembered that the simplicity of camping and paddling and being outside 24 hours a day strengthens my spirit, my soul, my vertical axis.

My whole system settles, relaxes and what is important and what I value most of all becomes crystal clear. Sitting out on a rock under the vast evening sky reminds me how I am part of the whole. Doing yoga with the sun rising reminds me how beauty inspires me. Having everything I need stuffed into the kayak

reminds me that I don't need a lot of things to be happy. Food always tastes better after a day of kayaking and swimming and I remember that I am happiest when I am active.

They are simple lessons but important ones. We are all different and there are thousands of ways to fill your soul, you just need to know what works for you. As we head into the fall there

are many unknowns about how the pandemic will affect us. We don't know for certain how school will unfold, what will happen with our businesses and how our social lives will unfold. There is a lot of "text" for all of us. It is important that we each do the work that keeps our vertical axis strong.

Do the things that strengthen your soul, and your spirit and that is not only going to help you, but will benefit everyone that you come in contact with. We will move forward and we will keep responding with wisdom, grace and compassion as our lives unfold. Our families, our community and the planet needs us to be strong!

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points of view

Charcuterie and beyond

THE OTHER DAY, Jenn suggested we should have a good old-fashioned charcuterie.

"Fantastic!" I replied. "I haven't had a good charcuterie since I was a kid! I'll get the knife, barbecue fluid, and lighter!"

Seconds later, when I re-entered the room, Jenn confiscated my lighter and then set me straight on what a charcuterie actually was.

It turns out charcuterie is French for "I don't really feel like cooking."

For those people over 50, it is also what our parents used to refer to as "cheese and crackers."

I am, of course, not referring to the ordinary cheese and crackers your mom made you for an afternoon snack. Instead, I'm talking about the fancy cheese and crackers that you had when company came over. The kind that also featured rolled up cold cuts skewered with fancy toothpicks, several types of cheeses that kids didn't like, crackers that had no resemblance to any animal, along with olives, pickles, those little pickled onions, sauces and even fruits slices.

All of which was served on a big cutting board.

As I quickly learned from Jenn, a charcuterie is almost the exact same thing, the difference being, it is served on a charcuterie board. And, if you are not careful, you could easily mistake a kitchen cutting board for a charcuterie board.

I'm not going to make fun of this because, let's face it, every generation has its version of charcuterie. And all of these versions are essentially an attempt to turn something that previous generations have done for years into something more sophisticated and trendier.



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Loon Tales

In my day, having a fondue was all the rage, which is something that my father's generation formerly referred to as "melting cheese."

Just as charcuterie enthusiasts have their charcuterie boards, fondue lovers had their fondue pots. I got married early in the early 1980s, in what historians will one day refer to as the fondue era. As a result, we were given three fondue sets as wedding gifts – which was one for each time we could afford the amount of cheese needed for a good fondue.

Charcuterie enthusiast are lucky in a way, since the many charcuterie boards they receive as wedding gifts will, with any luck at all, one day double as cutting boards – and, unlike fondue pots, you can never have too many of those.

Again, I am not writing this column to make fun of those people younger than myself who are riding the charcuterie wave.

Instead, I am hoping to warn them that one day a new trend like this will come along and make your trend seem old and dated, much like the fondue pots I still have.

In fact, I have heard rumours that a new trend is already on the horizon and it is called chipperrydip. Apparently, it is a trend in which people place flavoured potato chips in different chipperrydip cauldrons, which, for all intents and purposes, look like large bowls. Then, they commence to chipperrydipping by dredging individual potato chips in a variety of dips which are housed in smaller bowls with wooden handles. If I understand the trend correctly, in a proper chipperrydip you should have three different types of dip housed in three chipperrydip pots, which, could easily be mistaken for the type of fondue pot that was around in the early 1980s, which will one day be known as the fondue era.

Trust me, this chipperrydipping is the next cutting-edge food trend. If I was younger and wanted to be cool, I would jump right on it too. Unfortunately, neither thing applies to me.

That's good news for you young folks though, because I happen to have three barely used chipperrydip pots that I'm willing to sell to the right buyer.



pic of the past

Every summer, the Brown family would take part in idyllic sojourn at the Wigamog Inn on the north shore of Lake Kashagawigamog. They befriended the Robertsons, who owned the resort in 1943, when this photo was taken, as well as other staff and guests. In this photo, shared with us by Vicki (Brown) Markle, the only person she can identify is her mother Eleanor Brown, the woman in the middle of the three standing ladies. Note the old gas pump in the background of the photo.

letters to the editor

Issues linger ahead of back-to-school season

To the Editor,

Educational workers are legally responsible for the education, health, welfare and safety of their students. During the first week of school, and at regular intervals throughout the year, fire drills and emergency evacuations are practised. How is social distancing to be maintained, when staff are attempting to empty a building (sometimes two and three stories high) safely in less than two minutes? Unlike recess, these exits cannot be staggered.

Additionally, which protocols are being imple-

mented, should there be a lockdown? The hours of anxiety and uncertainty, both inside and outside the school during 9/11, still burn in my memory. Lockdowns can occur due to suspected intruders or weapons in buildings and a host of other reasons.

These issues must be addressed and protocols clearly delineated, before anyone returns to school. This "back to school" is anything but normal!

Cheryl Cohoon
Haliburton

Pilot's service profound sacrifice

To the Editor,

Re: "Nephew pens book about pilot's service in WWII, 75 years later," Haliburton Echo, Aug. 11, 2020

When French philosopher Albert Camus was asked why he chose to join the French resistance, he responded that in the face of great evil, he never felt that he had a choice at all. Camus spoke for an entire generation, who when asked at the outbreak of hostilities in September 1939, answered en masse by flying planes, driving tanks, carrying rifles, manufacturing munitions and in the case of Flight Lt. Ross, dropping bombs over Nazi Germany. The odds of an airman surviving one tour (25 missions) in a Commonwealth aircraft was about one in four which made it one of the most dangerous services of the Second World War.

I think what makes the sacrifice of men like Flight Lieutenant Ross (and their families) so profound isn't that they had no choice but that they did. Canadians fought, died and are buried all over Europe because they chose to fight for countries they had only read about and chose to liberate people they didn't know and would likely never see again.

My grandfather's generation wasn't without fault but what they did intuitively understand is that some actions didn't require complex explanation or justification, much less fanfare.

Some things you just did because they were right.

Rory Gilfillan
Eagle Lake



Escape to the End of the Rail

A visual diary of a young girl choosing to leave everything behind to observe life at the rails end

September 20, 2002

The Rails End Station Gallery has been pretty successful since we first opened. We have hosted a variety of different exhibitions from wire sculptures, to paintings, to quilts. We have also held art workshops for children. On those days we all gather outside on the deck and have fun experimenting with different forms of arts and crafts. I love seeing the joy in the children's eyes when they make their own art! However, the station building is starting to age, and with the success of the gallery, we do need some more usable space to accommodate more of what we would like to offer. For example, a proper studio, washrooms, and more office/storage space. The guild and the township have been working closely to develop a plan to raise the building, and do a full renovation. When the proposed plans for the building were released, we were faced with the complication of the public's approval. Some wanted to still maintain the dignity of the original station, and felt that raising the building to accommodate two stories would be too much. We understood this point, so we settled with raising it up just enough for a storage basement. Change can be hard to grasp sometimes, but it will be good to know that this piece of Haliburton architectural history will be preserved for many more years to come.

Until next time Diary...

Come visit the Rails End Gallery to learn more about the evolution of Haliburton Station on our new slideshow presentation in the lobby.

Written by Jessica Byers

Jessica Byers is the summer student at Rails End Gallery. Did you know Rails End has a call for entry to students from Grade 1 to 12 for their online student art exhibition? Find details at www.railsendgallery.com



Questions on county's climate plan

To the Editor,

After reading Mr. Ingram's article reporting on the corporate climate change mitigation plan for the county prepared by Korey McKay, the following questions came to mind.

1. What will this planned reduction of 15 per cent by 2030 cost local taxpayers? There was no mention whatsoever in the article about the cost of these initiatives nor where those funds would come from.
2. If electric vehicle charging stations are installed, what energy source would be

used? Is our local electric power produced from hydro, nuclear or natural gas?

3. Also no mention of Haliburton's forests, which, like those across the rest of the country, absorb CO₂. With so much forested land within (per square kilometre) level of CO₂ emissions, will such a program make any noticeable difference to our air quality in Haliburton County? What are the current

measurements of CO₂ in the county, and what are they expected to be if this plan is 100 per cent successful?

Dave Love
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County issues letters of support for internet projects

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The County of Haliburton is issuing two letters of support for proposed projects that could heighten internet connectivity in the county.

As previously reported, the Ontario Ministry of Infrastructure is offering \$150 million in grants for broadband projects, and during a July meeting, councillors agreed they would sole-source the services of a consultant with the ability to conduct a technical evaluation of proposal from internet providers.

The funding application is due on Aug. 21 and the county has retained the services of Johnathan Black from Kuro Partners to evaluate proposals.

During a special meeting on Aug. 18, councillors heard about two proposed projects – one from Bell, and one from Xplornet – and issued letters of support for both funding applications.

"Bell and Xplornet have relatively shovel-ready projects," county chief administrative officer Mike Rutter told council before providing an overview of each.

The Bell \$20-million project would equip about 4,000 premises in the county with speeds up to 50 Mbps for downloading and 10 Mbps for uploading through a combination of fibre-to-home and fixed wireless technology.

The project Xplornet was requesting a

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Bell and Xplornet have relatively shovel-ready projects.

— Haliburton County CAO Mike Rutter

letter of support for was larger in scope, one worth \$200 to \$220 million which would install some 2,650 kilometres of new fibre throughout central and northern Ontario, and according to the proposal would offer 100 Mbps service to 170,000 "under-served households."

As to what "under-served" means exactly, "We did ask that question and really haven't been able to get a clear answer on that," Rutter said.

Councillors approved both letters of support in a resolution that read the county would also continue to work with any internet providers interested in creating projects to enhance connectivity in the area.

These projects would be separate from the cell gap project being completed by the Eastern Ontario Regional Network, and the gig project for which EORN has recently requested funding.

JoAnne Sharpley, second from left, has decided to retire after nearly 30 years in business. She's seen here with staff members in 2014: from left, Kevin Sicard; Sharpley; Joel Hicks, and Courtney Cook. JENN WATT Staff



JoAnne Sharpley readies for retirement

Landmark Haliburton sporting goods store to close after nearly three decades in business

JENN WATT

Editor

Three decades is a long time to be working at anything, and when you own one of Haliburton's landmark shops, it means more memories than anyone can recount in a single conversation.

JoAnne Sharpley has been doing a lot of reminiscing lately, as she readies herself for retirement this fall and the closure of JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports, the business that has been the focus of her professional life for so long.

"People [back] in the day would line up for two hours to get into the store for Midnight Madness [street sale]," JoAnne said last week, seated in her office with former soft goods manager Courtney Cook. The pair share their stories back and forth, often finishing one another's sentences, one memory leading to another.

"The lineup would be down the street -" JoAnne said. "- we always had to have a door guy," Cook finished. "Yeah, we always had a bouncer," JoAnne said.

They'd stock up on snacks and pop, working until one in the morning, until finally JoAnne would tell the bouncer to tell people the sales had ended and it was time to go home.

The store has been a Haliburton destination for much of its existence, outfitting hockey players, skiers, snowboarders, kayakers, runners - you name it.

It has come a long way since Glen and JoAnne Sharpley bought The Sports Stop 29 years ago.

"We bought a cottage in 1990 on Maple Lake," JoAnne recalls. "And Glen, my ex, had to retire from hockey ... so we were here, at the cottage, and ran into our real estate agent. And [Glen] said, 'is there a business for sale in Haliburton?' and she said, 'yes,' and I prayed right at that moment that it was like a sewing machine store that was for sale and the words that came out of her mouth were 'the local sporting goods store is for sale.' So Glen being an ex-hockey player [it was a perfect fit]."

The transition to small town Ontario was difficult at first because JoAnne had come from Oakville, which she loved, but it didn't take long before her heart was in Haliburton. "And now I'm just thrilled to have brought up my boys here," she said.

JoAnne's sons, Jonathan and Justin, both worked in the family business, joining the team of staff that some summers would grow to at least a dozen. The store has moved several times, starting in a space of about 600 square feet where Cranberry Cottage is now through several other locations before settling at the 6,000-square-foot building near the corner of Highland Street and Maple Avenue.

In 2014, the store changed from Sharpley's Source for Sports to JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports, with JoAnne as sole owner.

Over the years, she said she's been blessed with a dedicated core of staff, several of them working at the shop for more than a decade. In the last year, two longtime employees, Kevin Sicard and Courtney Cook, decided to move on to other things, but both have continued to help out.

"We always took great pride in [the store environment]: our walls always looked fantastic and people used to ask in the past, who are your buyers? Me and Court," JoAnne said.

"Yeah, and Kevin used to kill it with his wakeboard displays," Cook said.

"Kevin was the hard goods manager of the world ... And to this day, even now, after hours Kevin has been coming in, so has Courtney. Kevin comes in after hours, tidies things up ... when all my new wakeboards came, he came and put them all together," JoAnne said.

In addition to the two-legged staff, several furry friends have also helped out over the years, each appropriately named after brands sold at the store: Oakley, Easton, Burton, Wilson, and Nixon.

"Oakley was the original. He was the OG of Sharpley's," Cook said.

"He would sit outside and wait for people to give him their ice cream cones," JoAnne said.

"Or the poor kid that dropped it," Cook laughed.

The store has also been a coveted summer job for young people, a meeting place for others, that sold the clothes and sporting equipment they were looking for. About 20 years ago, Sharpley's shifted direction with their merchandise, expanding from offering brands like Nike, Columbia and Adidas to include surf brands like Billabong, Roxy and Quiksilver, etc.

"In the year 2000, we brought in all the surf brands," JoAnne said. "... We were at a surf expo, a big, big, show in Orlando and - this is like a stadium-size show - and all the brands are there. Glen and I had never been before and there was a lineup outside this one booth that wrapped right around the corner and it was all Roxy and Quiksilver and we had no idea what that was until we waited in line to get in."

In the years that followed, they continued to grow their range of products, adding paddleboards and kayaks, Blundstone boots and other goods that people of all ages wanted.

"Especially the young after-school students that we had work here, we would hand them all of our catalogues and say, 'go through it, mark on it the stuff you like,'" Cook said. "Because everybody that works here, we were all spread out in age."

During the years that the Molou Theatre was in operation, the corner of Highland and Maple would be filled with young people, who would make a night of going to the movies - meeting at Sharpley's and shopping, eating at McKeck's and then going to the movies.

"And then the year that they had Rock the Wake [wakeboarding event in Haliburton], we had to have 20 staff on," JoAnne said. Again, the young people would congregate at Sharpley's.

JoAnne Sharpley said she will miss coming in to her store every day, interacting with the staff and seeing her regular customers. She said it was "awesome to watch our young people grow and learn" and to build friendships with local and seasonal residents.

It's been an honour and a privilege to make a positive contribution to the community, she said, and was happy to help others have fun in the Highlands no matter the season.



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Gallery in bloom with Shadow Garden exhibition

JENN WATT

Editor

Gardens can be larger than life; a manipulated living space that can surround or overpower you, Susan Rankin's artist statement says. The glass artist from Apsley is an avid gardener and uses the physical environment of blooms and shoots to explore deeper concepts related to memory, time and perception.

Rankin's work, which has shown at more than 30 solo exhibitions across North America, is on display at the Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre in Haliburton until Sept. 5. *Shadow Gardens* includes 18 works of glass and metal, lit to illuminate the colourful glass flowers and to cast intricate shadows along the gallery's walls.

"It's a play. What I've done, the play is [people] think of glass as transparent and allows light through and they think of steel as being very dense and solid. And so it's the juxtaposition where it's the metal that's actually the translucent/transparent, creating the shadow and the shadow of the glass is solid and strong and thick, which is what you would expect from the metal," Rankin said.

As the sun passes through the garden, marking the passage of time, the shadows move and change. So too do the shadows in Rankin's works, depending on where they are installed.

In some cases, the shadows cast are so

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I've been trying to play with memory, shadow and light in the garden and time, really.

— Artist Susan Rankin

intricate that the artist likens them to a drawing of the sculpture itself.

"... I've been trying to play with memory, shadow and light in the garden and time, really," she said.

Rankin has been a glass artist for three decades - and has taught at Haliburton School of Art + Design for 16 years. She teaches part of the glassblowing certificate program.

In her artist statement, she said in the summer she spends the mornings in her garden, and in the winter, she creates an imaginary garden, "expressing the joy of flowers in by blown glass objects."

Her exhibition is on display at the Rails End Gallery, 2 York St. in Haliburton, until Saturday, Sept. 5. The gallery is open Friday and Saturday from noon to 3:45 p.m. and by appointment to gallery members and guests on Thursdays.



Artist Susan Rankin stands outside the Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre with her piece called *Sunset dancing on the lake, grove of 10*, made of hand-formed glass, steel, and poly pipe. The work stands more than eight feet tall. The gallery is showing her exhibition, *Shadow Gardens*, until Sept. 5. /JENN WATT Staff



A detail of the glass discs on *Spring Grove of 5*, on display at the Rails End Gallery until Sept. 5.



Birds of Paradise, a steel, wire and hand-formed glass sculpture, gives the impression of motion and energy.



Three glass "sprigs" stand together at Susan Rankin's *Shadow Gardens* exhibit at the Rails End Gallery. From left, *Gold with Purple Clematis*, *Dark Purple with Smoke/Blue Flowers*, and *Pink with Pink Lilies*. Rankin is a glass artist from Apsley who also teaches at Haliburton School of Art + Design.



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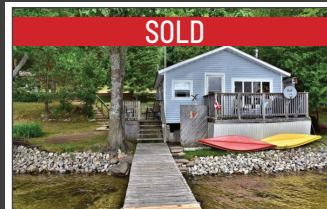
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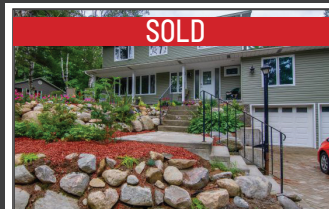
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1. Slopes
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16. Atomic #37
17. Home of The Beatles
19. Mac alternative
20. A common boundary with
22. Fluid in a plant
23. Genus that includes scads
25. Longer of the forearm bones
26. Gradually disappears
28. AI risk assessor
29. Type of whale
30. Jaws of a voracious animal
31. Patriotic women (abbr.)
33. Ancient Egyptian God
34. Obsessed with one’s appearance
36. Erase
38. A type of smartie
40. Nostrils
41. Influential French thinker
43. Popular K-pop singer
44. One point south of due east
45. Payroll company
47. Moved quickly on foot
48. Bar bill
51. An idiot
53. Indicates silence
55. Protein-rich liquids
56. Rhythmic patterns
58. Scatter
59. Belongs to bottom layer
60. Impulsive part of the mind
61. Carousel
64. Type of degree
65. Ornamental molding
67. Locks in again
69. Sounds the same
70. Come into view

1. Speak rapidly
2. Trauma center
3. River in W. Africa
4. Ancient Greek district
5. Bulgaria’s monetary unit
6. Children’s ride
7. Absorbed liquid
8. Markets term
9. Retail term recording sales
10. Automaton
11. Spanish form of “be”
12. Divide
13. Malaysian sailing boat
15. Writers
18. Cool!
21. Popular tourist attraction studio
24. Sets free
26. An enthusiastic devotee of sports
27. Unhappy
30. Alternate term for Holy Scripture
32. Influential French scholar
35. What thespians do
37. Local area network
38. Free from contamination
39. Coastal region of Canada
42. Sun up in New York
43. High schoolers’ exam
46. Fathers
47. Call it a career
49. Suitable for growing crops
50. Rose-red variety of spinel
52. Orange-brown in color
54. Lowest point of a ridge between two peaks
55. Late TNT sportscaster
57. A way to wedge
59. Cold, dry Swiss wind
62. Hockey players need it
63. Something highly prized
66. Atomic #45
68. Top lawyer


CLUES DOWN

Answers on page 15



Let the adventure begin

A motorcyclist, who looks ready for a road trip, takes a turn on County Road 21 on Friday, Aug. 21 in Minden. Summer traffic continues to flow in and out of the Highlands./DARREN LUM Staff



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON
LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the Planning Act and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT An electronic meeting will be held **Monday, September 14, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.** to consider these applications.

AND FURTHER THAT this meeting will be held through remote electronic participation in accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended by Bill 187, the Municipal Emergency Act, 2020 and an Order in Council of March 28, 2020, which amended the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act and prohibits organized public events of more than five people.

The media and the general public can view the Land Division Committee meeting webcast via the County of Haliburton YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/B-9arZYz-aE>

AND FURTHER THAT these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-010/20
Applicant: Harburn Holdings Ltd.
Location of the Property: Lot 6, Plan 19M12, Geographic Township of Harburn, now in the Municipality of Dysart et al.
Nature of the Application: To grant an easement for right-of-way

2. File No. H-012/20
Applicant: Stan Novak
Location of the Property: Lot 39, Plan 492, Geographic Township of Guilford, now in the Municipality of Dysart et al.
Nature of the Application: To permit a lot addition to abutting lands

Additional information regarding the above applications is available for public inspection electronically by request during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 25th day of August, 2020.

Lisa Gillan
Secretary-Treasurer
Haliburton County Land Division Committee
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Anglers in their boats assemble on Head Lake for the first Kash Bash, a charity bass tournament, raising proceeds for Community Living Haliburton County. The charity tournament was a huge success raising \$620 for Community Living. There were 20 teams, who competed on Kashagawigamog Lake, Soyers Lake, Head Lake, Canning Lake and Grass Lake. /Submitted by Tim Tofflemire

Tournament hooks charitable contribution for Community Living

On the weekend the 1st Kash Bash, a charity bass tournament, raised proceeds for Community Living Haliburton County.

It was hosted and sponsored by Stiles Marine, Lunkerhunt, Kawartha Bait and Tackle and Justin Signs all contributed. The charity tournament was a huge success raising \$620 for Community Living.

With 20 teams competing on Kashagawigamog Lake, Soyers Lake, Head Lake, Canning Lake and Grass Lake, the father-son team of Tom Neville and Tyler took the top prize of 800 dollars with five fish, weighing a total of 15.45 pounds. This was Tyler's first tournament. It was great to see the up and coming fisherman.

Special thanks to Jesse Bleeman from Lunkerhunt for his continued support in the Haliburton region. Looking forward to next year.

Submitted by Steve Stiles



Father and son team Tom and Tyler Neville present a bass during weigh-in on their way to a top accumulative total of 15.45 pounds. This fundraiser helped to raise \$620 for Community Living Haliburton County. /Submitted by Rowan Tofflemire



The first Kash Bash, a charity bass tournament, had 20 teams helping raise \$620 for Community Living Haliburton County this past weekend. /Submitted by Rowan Tofflemire



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

- **DATE:** Wednesday, September 9th 2020
- **TIME:** 11:00 am.
- **LOCATION:** The Committee of Adjustment will be held as an electronic meeting only. The meeting will be recorded through the conferencing application and live streamed to YouTube.

APPLICATIONS:

1. D13-MV-2020-011 – Quest & Draper
 - The following variance is requested to permit a lot in the RU1L zone to have a private cabin that is being used as a principal residential use to have sewage facilities:
 - (a) A decrease to the provisions of Section 9.1 to permit a lot in the Rural Type 1L (RU1L) zone to have a private cabin being used as a principal residential use to have sewage facilities.
 - Location: Lot 12, Concession 4, in the geographic Township of Dudley, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton (1009 Serendipity Tr- Long Lake).
2. D13-MV-2020-012- Jones
 - The following variances are requested to legalize the location of an existing dwelling and to permit the construction of a deck and veranda on a property in the WR4 zone:
 - (a) A decrease to the provisions of Section 5.2 to permit a dwelling to have a minimum water setback of 12 metres (40 feet) as opposed to the required minimum of 14.5 metres (49 feet) as permitted by Minor Variance D13-MV-2020-003;
 - (b) A decrease to the provisions of Section 3.30 to permit a veranda to have a street setback of 2 metres (7 feet) as opposed to the required 7.5 metres (24.60 ft).
 - (c) A decrease to the provisions of Section 3.30 to permit an deck to have a street setback of 3.9 metres (13 feet) as opposed to the required 7.5 metres (24.60 ft).
 - Location: Part Lot 24, Concession 1, Lot 22, Plan 565, in the geographic Township of Havelock, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton (1003 Drake Lane – Little Redstone Lake).

Due to the Covid-19 Emergency, Council passed By-law 2020-44 that amends the Committee of Adjustment of the Municipality of Dysart et al's Procedural By-Law to permit electronic participation in meetings. **There will not be an in-person meeting; this meeting will be conducted in an electronic format only.**

For more information about electronic meetings and public participation in an electronic meeting, contact the Secretary-Treasurer at jiles@dysarteral.ca.

ANY PERSON is entitled to attend the hearing to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by an agent for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept oral and written submissions. **A copy of the decision will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.**

FURTHER INFORMATION: including specific information about the zone provisions affected by each application, and electronic meeting process is available from the Planning and Land Information Department at the Municipal Office by appointment only (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Jeff Iles
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and see how we can work from there. And we have to look into the future and say, 'There is a Phase 4 and the phase four in the program exists when there is a vaccine.' That means we're going to get back to where we were, but right now we have to adapt and try to overcome it."

During the pandemic the one constant has been change. It's difficult, he said, to know what will happen in October, but with a pending plan and a Storm executive that is working hard to get players playing again he believes in a future.

Involved with the Storm as 3a coach and executive member for the past 15 years, including a parent of a child that played, Morrisette said the community can help.

He encourages parents interested in having their children playing to register sooner than later to help with organization and planning.

There are benefits to not just the players, but to parents too.

Close to an hour of play for children gives parents "a little breather too."

He adds it's a strong possibility that players' parents and guardians will not be permitted to be in the arena. Although it takes away the social component, it is part of adapting this season.

Unlike other years, the \$100 registration fee for first-time players is not likely to be available Morrisette said. This is owed to the potential of added costs from the COVID-19 plan, less revenue due to current registration numbers, no plans to host tournaments and no sponsorship, which was a deliberate decision to provide a "reprieve" to the business community facing hardship.

He said the Storm has always tried to keep fees as low as possible, which ensures access to hockey to as many players as possible. However, he hopes it will be available for the future.

Looking out for businesses in the community is a long term outlook.

"We've had long partnerships with our sponsors and we hope that will help, but we also hope that in the future when we hopefully get back to more normal of a situation they'll be there for us," he said.

The Storm has looked at applying for government funding to help with the loss of revenue. Despite the reduction in revenue this season, he said, the Storm is healthy financially and has a surplus of money.

He wants to focus on the positive and hopes parents and guardians will do the same.

"We're going to need adult cooperation, support. We're going to need them to be flexible. We're going to need them to be open-minded. We're really going to need them to show their kids that it's important to reflect on the things that you may have taken for granted before and I think this is a really good time to look at that and say, 'Listen, if you get the opportunity to get back on that ice and people are trying to make it safe for you, maybe, really appreciate it ... I think when things get back to the way they were, I think everybody's going to have a new zest for activities, including hockey that they just were not able to do,'" he said. "I think we take things for granted. I certainly look at it that way."

This effort will not just rely on the Storm executive, who continue and have worked very hard to this point to

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— Highland Storm president Jason Morrisette

start a season. It needs members of the community, particularly individuals with certifications in coaching and training, including new people to volunteer with teams to support the coaches or to help screen players entering the arena. Interested individuals can contact Ron Hall at rlrhall@hotmail.com.

Like a great hockey team, the implementation of the plan to have a season will need everyone involved to make it work.

"And isn't that what this sport is all about? Like, we're going to need that and I'm very hopeful we can do that. I have a really long history in Haliburton County [in] the sport of ice hockey. It's a very long history of success and fun and community spirit," he said.

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Lights on the Molou marquee dimming

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The lights may forever fade to black in what surely must be the oldest movie theatre in Canada run by one family.

Although the Consky family has not made a formal decision to close the Molou, a venerable institution on Haliburton's main street for 67 years, it says outside forces are making it impossible to make any money.

Sophisticated home entertainment systems, a fierce competition between various media for our free time, an aging building that needs extensive renovations and a movie distribution industry that makes it difficult for the independent operator

to make a buck are all contributing to the potential demise of what was once the entertainment hub of small town life.

Owner Molly Consky – who founded the theatre with her late husband Lou,

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Hurray for the Kinmount Fair

As much as everyone hates to say goodbye to summer, there's no better send-off than

the Kinmount Fair, "the biggest little fair in Ontario." With its eclectic mix of midway rides, pioneer displays, agricultural competitions and grandstand entertainment, it attracts thousands of people – including these young revellers. More photos of the fair are on page 20.

Goodbye to the summer that never was

GREG HOEKSTRA
Staff Reporter

You could almost call it a recipe for disaster.

Unseasonably low temperatures mixed with unreasonably high gas prices. Thou-

sands of job losses to the south, a weak U.S. dollar deterring American visitors, and rain almost every weekend from May to mid-August.

All things considered, the summer of 2008 was a tough time to be a business owner in cottage country.

Take Bill Burden. For the past 25 years Burden, owner of the West Guilford Shopping Centre, has seen business at his country store – located en route to popular destinations such as Haliburton Forest and Kennisis Lake – improve steadily from one summer to the next.

That was, of course, until the disappointing summer of 2008. Some are already dubbing it "the summer that never was."

When asked why he thinks sales were down this year, Burden doesn't hesitate to say it was the combination of soaring gas

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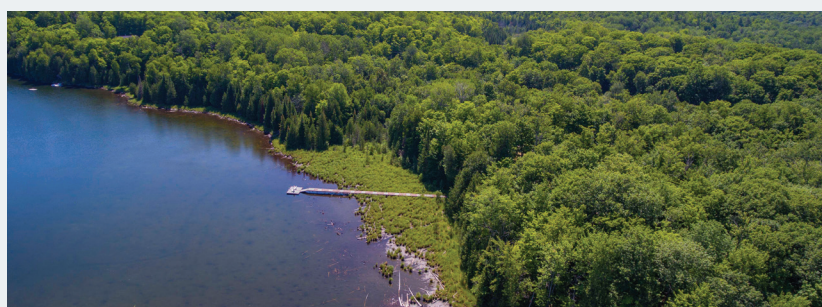
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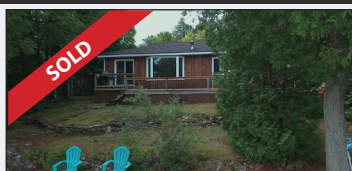
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